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# H. R. 479

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2001

Mr. SHOWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. EMERGENCY LOANS FOR GREENHOUSE FARM-**  
4                       **ERS WHOSE ENERGY COSTS HAVE ESCA-**  
5                       **LATED SHARPLY.**

6       Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
7       Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1961(a)) is amended—

1           (1) in the 1st sentence, by inserting “, or that  
2           the applicants’ greenhouse farming operations have  
3           been substantially affected by an increase in energy  
4           prices of at least 25 percent in any 12-month pe-  
5           riod” before “: *Provided*,”;

6           (2) in the 2nd sentence, by inserting “, or that  
7           conduct greenhouse farming operations in any coun-  
8           ty contiguous to a county where the Secretary has  
9           found that greenhouse farming operations have been  
10          substantially affected by an increase in energy prices  
11          of at least 25 percent in any 12-month period” be-  
12          fore the period;

13          (3) in the 3rd sentence—

14                (A) by inserting “or (in the case of a  
15                greenhouse farming operation), by an increase  
16                in energy prices,” after “a natural disaster”;  
17                and

18                (B) by inserting “, or that greenhouse  
19                farming operations have been substantially af-  
20                fected by such increase in energy prices,” after  
21                “by such natural disaster”; and

22          (4) by adding at the end the following: “In this  
23          subsection, the term ‘greenhouse farming’ means the

- 1 production of an agricultural commodity in a green-
- 2 house for a commercial purpose.”.

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